children of the age 6-14 years in such manner as the State may, by law, determine".

- To increase the public expenditure on education in a phased manner to reach 6% of GDP with 7% growth rate. Government had imposed 2% Education Cess from 2004 on all direct taxes to fund basis quality education.
- Central Advisory Board on Education was reconstitued in August, 2004 and National Curriculum Framework for school education had been revised.
- Development of primary health care infrastructure for the urban slum areas.

Iron ore produced in India

*260. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of total deposits of 'iron ore' available in India;

(b) whether 'iron ore' is exported from India;

(c) if so, the quantum of 'iron ore' exported during the last three years;

(d) if this pace of export countinues, after how many years 'iron ore' will be exhausted;

(e) whether any concern has been expressed by some on this export; and

(f) whether Government propose to restrict this export?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The deposits of iron ore based on United Nations Framework Classification (UNFC) as on 1.4.2000 is as mentioned below:

(Unit: '000 tonnes)

Grade	Resource as on 1.4.2000
Haematite	11,425,788
Magnetite	10,682,207
Total	22,107,995

Source: Indian Bureau of Mines, Nagpur

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The quantum of 'iron ore' exported during the last three years is as follows:

(Qty: Million tonnes)

Year	Exports of iron ore
2002-03	48.02
2003-04	62.57
2004-05(p)	78.14

Source:- MMTC

P: provisional figures

(d) The life of iron ore reserves in India will be influenced by a number of factors such as rate of growth in mining activity; growth in demand for iron ore (which will depend on the growth of the steel industry); level and growth of exploration and prospecting activities; discovery of new reserves in new areas and in existing mines and the future approach towards inclusion of iron ore reserves with lower iron content. It is thus difficult to provide a firm estimate of the life of iron ore reserves. Ministry of Mines has, however, based on expected demand in 2020 for iron ore and the current reserves, estimated that the present reserves should suffice for 125 years.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The present Foreign Trade Policy, for the period 2004-09, already prescribes canalization through Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation Limited (MMTC) of export of iron ore of +64% Fe content from all sectors except ore of Goan and Redi origin. Besides, quantitative ceilings on export of high grade iron ore the Bailadila sector have also been prescribed.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Central Tobacco Research Institute

1802. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the role of the Central Tobacco Research Institute;